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SUBJ: LIBYAN BOYCOTT OF BRITISH CONSUMER GOODS

1. LARG MINISTRY OF ECONOMY HAS ISSUED INSTRUCTION TO
BOYCOTT BRITISH CONSUMER GOODS. BOYCOTT ENFORCED THROUGH
BANKS WHICH HAVE ORDERS NOT TO PROCESS LETTERS OF CREDIT,
DRAFTS OR CHECKS TO PAY FOR BOYCOTTED GOODS. BRITISH
EMBASSY HERE, THUS FAR, UNABLE DETERMINE REASON FOR
BOYCOTT WHICH WENT INTO EFFECT DECEMBER 8. FOREIGN
MINISTRY CLAIMS TOTAL IGNORANCE. MINISTRY OF ECONOMY
CONFIRMS THAT THEY HAVE ISSUED BOYCOTT ORDERS, BUT
REFUSES PROVIDE EXPLANATION. BRITISH COMMERCIAL
OFFICER ESTIMATES NORMAL ANNUAL TRADE IN NOW-BOYCOTTED
GOODS AT 17 MILLION POUNDS STERLING. THIS DIRECT LOSS
TO BRITISH EXPORTS VOLUME WILL PROBABLY BE ACCOMPANIED
BY EVEN GREATER INDIRECT LOSSES CAUSED BY LACK OF
CONFIDENCE AND SUBSEQUENT DISINTEREST IN LIBYAN MARKET
ON PART OF BRITISH BUSINESSMEN WHO MIGHT OTHERWISE SELL
NON-BOYCOTTED GOODS.

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2. FOLLOWING IS LIST OF BOYCOTTED GOODS PROVIDED BY
BRITISH EMBASSY: LIVE CATTLE, LIVE POULTRY, FRESH OR
FROZEN MEAT, DAIRY PRODUCTS AND FRESH MILK, CHEESE, FRESH
FISH, PROCESSED AND PRESERVED FISH, FRESH AND DRIED WHEAT
AND VARIOUS GRAINS, WHEAT FLOUR, FLOUR MADE FROM OTHER
GRAINS, ORDINARY AND HIGH QUALITY BAKERY PRODUCTS,
CONFECTIONERY ITEMS MADE OF ALMONDS AND NUTS, JAM, FRUIT
JUICE, DRIED FRUITS, FESH VEGETABLES, DRIED VEGETABLES,
SUGAR, CONFECTIONERY PRODUCTS AND SWEETS, COFFEE, RAW
COCOA, POWDERED COCOA, TEA, TEA EXTRACT, SPICES, NUTMEG,
WILD THYME, MUSTARD, FOOD PREPARATIONS, VEGETABLE OILS,
ANIMAL FAT, MINERAL WATERS, TOBACCO, CIGARETTES, DRY
BATTERIES, HOUSEHOLD ELECTRIC LIGHT BULBS, MOTORCYCLES,
BICYCLES, NON-MOTORISED VEHICLES, CHILDREN'S BICYCLES
AND CARS, PRODUCTS MADE OF RUBBER, TIRES, MINERAL FUEL,
LUBRICANTS, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, PRODUCTS MADE OF STONE,
GYPSUM OR ASBESTOS, CERAMICS AND CERAMIC PRODUCTS,
GLASS AND GLASS PRODUCTS, DOORS AND WINDOWS, WOODEN
FURNITURE, METAL FURNITURE, YARNS AND THREADS, CLOTH,
BLANKETS, CARPETS AND RUGS, TENTS, BAGS, RAW HIDES,
FOOTWEAR, LEATHER GOODS AND CHILDREN'S TOYS.
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